

ZONING AND ADJUSTMENT BOARD

March 3, 2003

The Zoning and Adjustment Board of Sumter County, Florida convened on Monday, March 3, 2003 at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Dale Nichols, acting Chairman, Frank Topping, Dossie Singleton, Dave Pierazek, Rusty Mask, Richard Bradley, Todd Brown, Mark Caruthers, Lamar Parker and Doug Childers, Jr. Evan Merritt and Larry Story were absent. Terry Neal, Board Attorney, was present. Roberta Rogers, Director of Planning & Development was absent and Aimee Webb, Board Secretary, was present.

The Board members led everyone in the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Mr. Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes from the ZAB Meeting on February 17, 2003. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Nichols presented the Proof of Publication.

ZP2003-12

George & Deborah Barnes

George Barnes was present and requesting a rezoning from A5 to RR1 on three acres MOL. There were seven notices sent. Of the seven notices sent, one was received in favor and none in objection. There were no objections from the audience. Mrs. Webb explained to the Board the Planning Department had asked Mr. Barnes to correct the zoning on a parcel created prior to the adoption of zoning. There were no further questions or discussion from the Board. Mr. Caruthers made a motion to recommend approval of the rezoning to the Board of Sumter County Commissioners based on the information provided in the staff report. Mr. Parker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

ZP2003-14

William Andrew & Ruth Nichols

Michael Lange, representative for the applicants, was present and requesting a Major Special Use Permit for excavation of a peat mine on 69.16 acres MOL of a 140 acre parcel. There were seven notices sent. Of the seven notices sent, none were received in favor and none in objection. There were no objections from the audience; however, there were some audience members retaining the right to speak. Mr. Lange explained the area mined would be approximately six feet to eight feet in depth but could reach a maximum of fifteen feet. Mr. Lange explained the process of the operation to the Board, Black Gold was in the process of obtaining the Department of Environmental Protection permit, and the end result of the appearance of the property. Mr. Donald Blair, a surrounding property owner, had questions regarding the impact of the surrounding neighborhood, hours of operation, and if there would be any odor from the project. Mr. Lange stated they were not processing the peat on site, only hauling it off. An estimated ten trucks per day were expected, and the hours of operation would be from Monday through Saturday

7 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for approximately six to ten years. There was some discussion as to relocating the access on C-475 east 200 feet due to the curve, which would be dealt with by Sumter County Public Works. There were no further questions or discussion from the Board. Mr. Caruthers made a motion to recommend approval of the Special Use Permit including the listed conditions to the Board of Sumter County Commissioners based on the information provided in the staff report. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

ZP2003-15

Hazel T. & Wilmer Stephens

Due to the absence of the applicants, Mr. Topping made a motion to table the case until the March 17, 2003 ZAB meeting. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Bradley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Chairman
Zoning & Adjustment Board